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SUBJECT: PERIODIC ACTIVITIES REPORT, MAY 27 - JUNE 2

1. PRESIDENT'S TRIP: THE SCOPE PAPER FOR THE VISIT WAS COMPLETED JUNE 2. WE ARE AWAITING COMMENTS FROM THE NSC ON TWENTY BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING BOOK. SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE TOAST, ETC HAVE BEEN CLEARED IN THE DEPARTMENT. CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING BOOKS ARE ALSO BEING PREPARED, AS WELL AS KITS FOR THE PRESS.

2. HANSEN AMENDMENT: ON MAY 31, THE HOUSE PASSED BY VOTE OF 203 TO 163 AN AMENDMENT BY CONGRESSMAN GEORGE HANSEN (REPUBLICAN OF IDAHO) TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AUVHORIZATION BILL BARRING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DIRECTLY
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OR INDIRECTLY TO IMPLEMENT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY WITHOUT A SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY CONGRESS. (IT IS SIMILAR TO THE AMENDMENT ATTACHED TO THE DOD BILL ON MAY 24.) WE EXPECT THAT THE SENATE WILL OPPOSE SUCH LANGUAGE AND THAT ULTIMATELY THE LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDES OF THE COMMITTEES IT WILL BE

HARDER TO REMOVE SUCH A PROVISION FROM THE DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL

3. HELMS OBJECTS: THERE WAS A BRIEF FLURRY OF INTEREST EARLY IN THE WEEK AFTER SEN. HELMS (R. NC.) CLAIMED TO HAVE NEW EVIDENCE THAT THE GOP OFFICIALLY REPUDIATES THE TREATIES AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE. THE "EVIDENCE" IS THE APRIL 25 PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE WHICH THE SENATOR SAYS AMOUNTS TO A "COUNTEROFFER" WHICH THE U.S. MUST ACCEPT OR REJECT. WE HAVE DENIED THE CHARGE AND CHARACTERIZED THE COMMUNIQUE AS "A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE." HELMS IS EXPECTED TO AIR HIS CHARGE IN THE SENATE ON JUNE 5.

4. BROOKE OBJECTS TO EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS: SENATOR BROOKE, WITH 14 CO-SPONSORS, INTRODUCED A SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION MAY 25 THAT THE FORTHCOMING EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE MARCH 31, UNLESS IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ENACTED PREVIOUSLY. THE SENATOR'S EARLIER LETTER SOLICITING CO-SPONSORSHIP MADE CLEAR HIS VIEW THAT THE FORTHCOMING EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION "CONTRADICTS THE SPIRIT AND INTENT" OF THE BROOKE RESERVATION TO THE CANAL TREATY. ON THE FLOOR HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ACTION WAS PREMATURE AND DESIGNED TO BOLSTER GENERAL TORRIJOS POLITICAL POSITION. THE RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIE IN THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

5. MOVEABLE PROPERTY MEMO MOVES: IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST OF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY BLUMENFELD THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISOR JUNE 2 CONCLUDED THAT TRANSFER OF MOVEABLE PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH FUNCTIONS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO PANAMA IS AUTHORIZED BY THE TREATY AND BY THE FOREIGN EXCESS PROPERTY ACT. A COPY WILL BE POUCHED.

6. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION: THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE OMB DIRECTOR NEXT WEEK AND THE PRESIDENT THE WEEK THEREAFTER. CHRISTOPHER

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